

# France and Russia---By Lauzanne

**French See Nothing To Be Gained in Re-establishing Trade With Red Russia That Can't Pay for Goods**

By Stephane Lauzanne

Copyright, 1922, New York Tribune Inc. PARIS, Jan. 21.—When Premier Briand had accepted the invitation to participate in the international conference at Geneva for the economic reconstruction of Europe he telegraphed immediately:

"It is not without regret and apprehension that I learn of your decision to go and sit at a conference opposite Lenin."

That was the opening of the late ministerial crisis. There are some 80 per cent of Frenchmen who share the apprehension and regrets of their President and not ten in a thousand who believe the conference at Geneva can result in anything reasonable or practical.

**Russia Can Buy Nothing And Has Nothing to Sell**

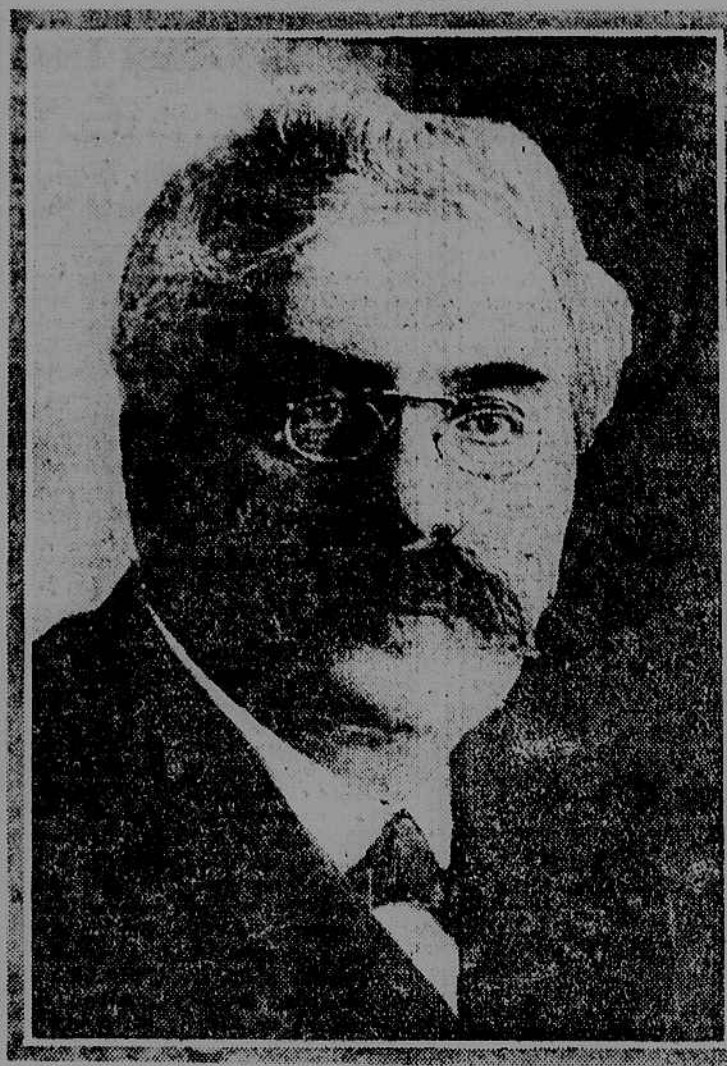
The conference, they inform us, suggests the economic reconstruction of Germany, Russia and Europe and the re-establishment of world trade. Now what is the meaning of trade? It is buying and selling. What can Russia buy? Nothing, since she has no money to pay with. Her rulers have depleted the gold supply which belonged to the state and have printed banknotes by the hundreds of billions. Last week the Moscow exchange the gold ruble was worth 100,000 Soviet rubles.

Furthermore they have declared that when one deals with capitalists there is no obligation to keep one's word. This prevents them from buying on credit, for when one buys on credit guarantees must be given, and what can Russia sell? Almost nothing since she lacks everything.

However, people say that Russia has riches, forests, natural wealth. That is possible and even certain. But natural wealth must first be exploited; enormous material must be sent out there; then transports are needed; it will be necessary to make use of railroads and roads.

There are no roads in Russia and three-quarters of the Russian railroads have been destroyed. In order to re-establish them and put them in proper

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operation again, years, millions of dollars and workmen willing to work are needed—not according to Communist methods, but the methods of civilized states.

**France Has Own Devastated Area To Be Taken Care Of**

Where are the millions to come from? Where can workmen be found? No one having so far given a satisfactory reply to these various questions, the French shrug their shoulders when one mentions the reconstruction of Russia and they are not far from

grinding their teeth when they are told that the reconstruction of their own devastated districts must depend on the economic reconstruction of Russia and Germany. France has not pillaged, murdered and destroyed her riches with her own hands; she has not confiscated the properties of foreigners; she has not disclaimed her debts; she has not imprisoned her engineers, learned men and architects; nor has she operated the printing machines day and night to print banknotes.

Furthermore, she is a creditor of Russia for more than \$4,000,000,000 and

**Bolsheviks Have Nothing to Sell and Can Buy Nothing; Geneva Parley Seen as Wasted Effort**

of Germany for more than \$12,000,000,000. She is, therefore, determined that she will not comfort people who have done all these astounding things which I have just enumerated. Above all, she is determined not to pay them a single cent.

This, I say, is at least logical. If France has money to spare, let her use it in the reconstruction of Lille, Rheims, Verdun, rather than in furnishing the private houses of Petrograd and Moscow, whose contents no one was obliged to carry away.

**Here is How the Case Appears to France**

France has her own canals to reconstruct before thinking of the reconstruction of the Russian railways. The French say to their American friends:

"At the present moment we owe you \$3,000,000,000 which you so generously lent us. If, instead of thinking to reimburse you, you were to ask you for \$3,000,000,000 more after we had imprisoned your citizens, robbed your banks in Paris, ransacked our own resources and if we were to come and demand these billions with threats, calling you a rotten nation, declaring we were ready to destroy your political regime and openly announcing that we would never reimburse you for what we owe because it is unnecessary to pay a debt one owes to a capitalist—if we were to do all this, would you lend us your money?"

At Geneva only speeches will be pronounced. It is scarcely possible to be otherwise. For in eight days or even eight weeks it is impossible to re-establish the balance of international currencies, suppress the enormous amount of banknotes printed in Germany and Russia, reconstruct railways and regulate questions of tariffs and customs, establish the equilibrium of the German budget and find a currency exchange for Russia.

For three years the French have heard nothing but mythical speeches made to them. The French people desire to live and to work. They demand this in order to be able to pay what they owe, that they must be paid what is their due.

## The Scientific, Metaphysical, Spiritual Definition of "Birth Control," Under the Law of God

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Since the subject of "birth control" was recently published in the press and freely discussed by all interested, many requests for my views upon this question have come to me from leading authorities, from Christian Scientists, and from persons who are seeking a solution of the Science of existence. In response to these earnest inquiries, I am moved to give my understanding of a scientific, metaphysical, spiritual definition of birth control, which the present age and the law of God demands, and I am spiritually impelled to publish, in the columns of the press, an article upon this vitally important topic—spiritual birth—which Christ Jesus freely discussed, and which he proved by the demonstration of his immortal individuality, as a son of God.

All Bible students, or those who profess to follow Christ, will recognize his premise, regarding the source of his existence, in his declaration to his disciples, "I and my Father are one." (1) Then he assures them of their spiritual origin, as sons of God, in these words: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us." (2) John, the beloved disciple, grasped the spiritual origin, or birth of man, and left this rich legacy to humanity: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (3) Christ Jesus proved the infallibility of immutable Truth, in his victory over the illusion called death. Therefore all who recall Christ's command to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," (4) will recognize

(1) John x., 30. (2) John xvii., 21. (3) I. John iii., 2. (4) Mark xvi., 15.

**SPIRITUAL** man, created by God, eternal Life and Love, is "without beginning of days, nor end of life." (1) Christ Jesus discerned this spiritual fact, and recorded it in the following words: "Before Abraham was, I am." (2) Of the eternal children of God, as they appear—for spiritual generation is the only reality of man—Mary Baker Eddy asks, "How old is he?" and answers, "Of his days there is no beginning and no ending." She continues her colloquy in regard to the offspring of God, or spiritual generation (and there is in reality no other) and questions:

Is he wonderful? His works thus prove him. He giveth power, peace and holiness; he exalteth the lowly; he giveth liberty to the captive, health to the sick, salvation from sin to the sinner—and overcometh the world! Go, and tell what things ye shall see and hear; how the blind, spiritually and physically, receive sight; how the lame, those halting between two opinions or hobbling on crutches, walk; how the physical and moral lepers are cleansed; how the deaf—those who, having ears, hear not, and are afflicted with "typhannus on the brain"—hear; how the dead, those buried in dogmas and physical ailments, are raised; that to the poor—the lowly in Christ—the gospel is preached.

A voice from heaven seems to say, "Come and see."

The shepherds shout, "We behold the appearing of the star!"

(Miscellaneous Writings, pp. 167-168.)

Spiritual man was heralded to the prophet-shepherds in the symbol of a star; and the light which is dawning upon the world to-day is the illumination of spiritual generation, or man in the image and likeness of Life and Love. The above quotation from the writings of Mary Baker Eddy is an explanation of spiritual generation, or the definition of "birth control," under the law of God. Birth control is spiritual; but the birth to which I refer partakes not of the physical. It is wholly spiritual and mental, the revelation of man's true selfhood, as God's child. This birth is the dawning of the light of spiritual Life, or the real man, reflecting the Principle of eternal being, Mind, Spirit, which dissolves the material concept and reveals spiritual man, as emanating from eternal Life and Love. The unfolding of spiritual sense, or the process of spiritualization of thought, is arresting the attention of the advanced thinkers of the twentieth century, and Jesus' words, "Ye must be born again," (3) which have reverberated down the ages, are being apprehended and demonstrated. There is no reality in so-called mortal mind, and a material time-universe, or dream-world, for eternal Life and Love, the creative Principle of being, or great First cause, is infinite, and "nothing exists beyond the range of all-inclusive infinity." (4) Infinite Spirit, Life and Love, our Father-Mother God, the one and only creator, controls the birth of Her infinite ideas, and there is no other creator and no other birth; for God, being infinite, is omnipotent, omniscient, and omni-present, and His infinite ideas compose the spiritual universe. There is no other man and no other universe, but the spiritual. In Genesis i., 26, we read, "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Life and Love, the divine "Us," our Father-Mother God, who made man in His-Her likeness, is the only creator, and is man's source and supply of existence. Man cannot be separated from God, eternal Life, since effect cannot be separated from cause. Christ Jesus' words, "I and my Father are one," confirm this spiritual fact.

(1) Hebrews vii., 3. (2) John viii., 58. (3) John iii., 7. (4) Science and Health, p. 514.

**Burning Out the Devil**

The other day a dispatch from Nauvau announced that among the numerous sensational crimes committed in Germany since the war one can be cited that recalls the superstition of the Middle Ages.

This tragedy occurred in the village of Lowerung, in Pomerania, where three old women, no doubt envious and jealous of the attractions of a young seamstress, Ella Wallenstein, lured the girl to an isolated house, where they told her that she was possessed of the devil and that they would drive him out by means of fire.

The three women then undressed the poor girl and brought brushwood, which they set on fire. Then they threw their victim into the flames and, like the witches of Macbeth, they surrounded the fire, praying that the devil might leave her body. The poor girl was thus burned to death.

my prerogative to proclaim the gospel, and demonstrate the healing power of Christ's Christianity, or the Science of being, as given by Mary Baker Eddy in the Scientific Statement of Being:

There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

(Science and Health, p. 468.)

The Science of being, as taught by Christ, was discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy and recorded by her in the textbook of Christian Science, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. Therefore I give my interpretation of birth control, in accordance with the teaching of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, conscious that I am entitled to my views upon spiritual generation, from having demonstrated, for more than thirty years, the power of the Mind of Christ over the claim of a belief of life, truth, intelligence, and substance as existent in matter, and over the illusion of so-called death, the "wages of sin." My conclusions are drawn from the premise, that God is the only creator and that all that He creates is good, made in His own image and like Himself; and that everything that is unlike God, good, eternal Life, Love and Truth, in image or character, is *not* man, but the product of the Adam-Eve, false, sensual, material generation. Therefore what I proclaim upon the subject of birth control cannot offend any one who claims God as "Our Father which art in heaven," or our creator, who made man like Himself, in the image and likeness of eternal Life and Love.

Mrs. Eddy says, "The scientific man and his Maker are here; and you would be none other than this man, if you would subordinate the fleshly perceptions to the spiritual sense and source of being." (Unity of Good, p. 46.)

At Christ's second appearing, in the "image" of Life and Love, crowned with the "dominion" with which God endowed him, the words of Isaiah are being fulfilled:

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah ix., 6.)

With this Christ-man, the so-called dragon seems to be in fierce conflict. In the words of Mary Baker Eddy, "The chaos of mortal mind is made the stepping-stone, to the cosmos of immortal Mind." (1) The spiritually illumined read the handwriting on the wall, viz., the self-extinction of all that is opposed to God,—of all that "worketh and maketh a lie." Those who are awakening to the Science of being are grasping the incontrovertible fact, that Spirit, God, the eternal Mind, is infinite Life, Love, and Truth and therefore that there can be no substance nor reality in material birth,—no reality in a carnal, material so-called mind, which conceives and brings forth, that which appears to be the material senses to have beginning, but which inevitably terminates in suffering and death.

Accepting the Science of spiritual being, which Christ Jesus taught and demonstrated, we reach the conclusion that material birth, growth, maturity, and decay are no part of the *real man* and the *real universe*. They are the product of the Adam-Eve dream of sensual, sexual conception. The acceptance of the teaching of Christ Jesus, as to spiritual conception and spiritual birth, or oneness with the creative Principle of eternal being, God, discloses the fact, that the images and fleshly beliefs of material sense, which sicken and die, are not of God.

The so-called dragon, or material belief of life apart from Spirit, God, has lost its pretensions to perpetuate the dream of material birth, growth, maturity, and death. Spiritual sense is the light which dispels darkness, or the myths of the physical senses. Thus the so-called "dragon," the "accuser of our brethren," is "cast out into the earth," (2) and his lying angels—false fleshly senses, or the so-called carnal mind, that "worketh and maketh a lie,"—are cast out with him. Christ's offspring, recognizing their spiritual origin, under the law of eternal Life and Love, are appearing, and are reflecting the power and glory of an ever-present Father-Mother God, with health, holiness, and immortality, the result of building character on a "wholly spiritual foundation," (3) the rock, Christ, Truth.

According to the promise of prophets, apostles, Christ Jesus, and John the Revelator, the end of anti-Christ is seen, by all who have spiritual perception who accept and are demonstrating the scientific fact that "Spirit is infinite; therefore Spirit is all." (4) "There is no matter." (5) Hence Spirit controls the birth of Her infinite ideas. There is no other creator but the spiritual, the infinite ideas which emanate from God, Mind, our Father-Mother Life and Love, who, throughout eternity, begets, and conceives, controls, feeds, clothes, and environs every child of His infinite, eternal selfhood. Life and Love, our Father-Mother God, the divine "Us," unfolds, and develops His-Her progeny, or the offspring of Christ, who was the first-born of Spirit. On the scale of glory, eternal Life, Spirit, man ascends from glory unto glory. This is the Science of spiritual existence, and Spirit, Soul, Mind being infinite and all, the oncoming Christ, or Truth, is fulfilling the Scripture:

I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

(Ezekiel xvi., 27.)

Thus the pains and pleasures of the so-called carnal mind are proved self-destructive. "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." (6) was the sentence pronounced upon the material generation. The over-present Christ, the "King of kings, and Lord of lords," at his

(1) Unity of Good, p. 56. (2) Revelation xii., 9. (3) Miscellaneous, p. 367. (4) Genesis iii., 19. (5) Hebrews vii., 3. (6) Job xiv., 1.

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." (Job xiv., 1.)

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

—CHRIST JESUS. (John iii., 3.)

"For as in Adam [the belief of life and intelligence in matter] all die, even so in Christ [the understanding that man is an emanation of Spirit, Mind] shall all be made alive."

(I. Corinthians xv., 22.)

"To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

(Romans viii., 6.)

"The time cometh when the spiritual origin of man, the divine Science which ushered Jesus into human presence, will be understood and demonstrated."

"When we learn the way in Christian Science and recognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and understand God's creation,—all the glories of earth and heaven and man."

"The foam and fury of illegitimate living and of fearful and doleful dying should disappear on the shore of time; then the waves of sin, sorrow, and death beat in vain."

—MARY BAKER EDDY. (Science and Health, With Key to the Scriptures, pp. 325, 264, 203.)

second coming has dealt a death-blow to the animus of the physical or carnal senses. While persisting in fighting against Christ, Truth, the law of God, materialists are yielding to self-annihilation. Christ's offspring, moved by the dynamic power of Spirit, continue to declare for one creative Principle, eternal Life and Love, and they are attaining spiritual concepts, which will reveal the spiritual universe, peopled with God's perfect children, under the control of eternal Mind. The ideal man of God's—Christ, the "light of the world," the "last-born of the Father, has won a signal victory over the so-called dragon, whose pretense of being a creator has utterly failed. The sensual, carnal so-called mind can no longer deceive the world, with its claim to life and intelligence in matter, with its pleasures and pains. The counterfactual argument of sensual, sexual conception and material birth, must finally vanish into nothingness.

The so-called fleshly mind, claiming creative power and masquerading as God, is explained in the vision of St. John, and prophesies the self-extinction of sin and its phenomena—the material man and material world:

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; [the dragon] and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain. (Revelation xvi., 10.)

These are the days when sin, driven to its final limits, destroys itself. War, pestilence, and famine suggest the end of all that worketh against God and His Christ. The counterfeit material creation is doomed to self-extinction. The eternal God, who is the Father, who is one, according to Christ Jesus' statement, "Father and I are one," are being revealed to all who are building, or who are beginning to build, on "a wholly spiritual foundation." The followers of Christ's Christianity are catching glorious glimpses of a universe peopled with the infinite ideas of an infinite Principle, or Father-Mother Life and Love.

Spiritual sense is the light, which enables Christ to prove his dominion over the substanceless shadows, which mortals, or the material senses, call man; and his command, "Lazarus, come forth!" dispels the shadow and reveals the real man, who had never died. Thus, many other demonstrations of the power of the Christ-mind over the hallucinations of physical sense, or the Adam-Eve generation, is arousing humanity to investigate the Science of being. Mortal man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn. This is the darkness which enshrouds material existence. Christ's Christianity, the light whose effulgence dispels the shadows, or the false beliefs of the material senses, enables one to fulfill the law of love to his brother man, destroys love of and trust in money, the god of the material world, which incites to personal ambition, pride of place and power, and finally demands its victims to dissolution—nothingness. The words of our Leader, Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, are understood by all who have come up through mighty wrestlings with the false belief of life and intelligence as existent in matter. In their defense of their spiritual origin and oneness with God, as taught by the divine metaphysics, Christ, they have met the cruel forces of the so-called carnal mind, which have been encountered by prophets, Christ Jesus, and his disciples, and by Mary Baker Eddy and her students who have erected a wholly spiritual foundation. The power, in a demonstrable way, has gained the power of the Christ-mind and the divine law which panoplies her children and protects them from the mental assassin—the carnal so-called mind, which has ever opposed Christ and them that are Christ's.

Some one has said, "Faith may anchor, hope may steer; but love, great love alone is captain of the soul." Thus we discern the spiritual fact that

Creation is ever appearing, and must ever continue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source.

(Science and Health, p. 507.)

God and His Christ, who are one, reign throughout the eternal and only universe. Again I emphasize the spiritual fact of existence, without back of every symbol, or material phenomenon, called mortal man and material objects, is the spiritual idea of God's perfect child. Spiritual sense is light, which must be attained to dispel the mythical shadows which are mistaken for the real man, and reveal God's universe, the phenomena of Spirit—man in the image of his creator, God, and in possession of the "dominion" with which God endowed His manifestation—our universe, under the control of omnipotent eternal Life and Love.

I conclude with this statement: Any hypothesis of material birth is false. Adam-Eve, and the creations of physical sense, are myths. When, under the effulgent light of love and truth, the false material senses dissolve, and disappear, Spirit and spiritual ideas, or the real man and universe of God's creating will be revealed, and the words of Christ Jesus, which he declared were eternal, will be verified, "The kingdom of God is within you." (Luke xvi., 17.)

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## Mme. Diaz Talks About Mexico

By Wilbur Forrest

SITTING in a beautifully furnished apartment in a grandiose building just off the Avenue de Bois de Boulogne—the most fashionable quarter of Paris—is a woman whose heart is in Mexico. More than a decade has passed since she left the once gay Mexican capital, a fugitive from the red hand of revolution, and made her way to Europe with the only man who gave Mexico peace. She is Senora Carmen Romero Rubio Diaz, widow of the grand old President of Mexico, whose only fault, after thirty years of prosperous administration, during which his country flourished, was to grow old and trust in others.

Porfirio Diaz has been dead for ten years. Revolution has raged in his republic in spasmodic stages almost ever since he came in enforced exile to France, to die of a broken heart. Senora Diaz and her son remain here today in voluntary exile to mourn the aged ruler. They will never return.

It was with the purpose of talking about Mexico, its past and future and the grand old man that we searched out the exiled "Empress of Mexico" in Paris a few days ago. It was with the "law of speaking to a venerable old lady about other times."

"You may come and talk to me," she responded over the telephone, "but do not ask me to speak of Mexico or of my husband. Mexico is a closed book. I would rather think of it as it was."

It was with the promise not to force conversation about Mexico that we interviewed Senora Porfirio Diaz. And the conversation was about Mexico. All topics with Senora Diaz lead to Mexico, despite herself to the contrary. Her heart is there, as she explains it, in Mexico City, and throughout the length and breadth of a wonderful land built up so substantially during thirty years of peace by her husband that a decade of revolution has not been able to reduce it to half the ruins and chaos of a Russia or a northern France, intact five years after her husband was laid in his grave.

It was with the expectation of interviewing a gray-haired old lady that we went to a big apartment house in the Rue Leonardo da Vinci in Paris the other day. It was a surprise to find Senora Diaz a wonderfully preserved matron, slight and active, with a bearing of one who has ruled, with an imperial grace, though veiled in modesty and demureness. Her poise and courtliness bespoke more than the ancient social lines of Spanish nobility. They were distinctly reminiscent of another day in Mexico City, when it was the "Paris" of Central America, with its jewel bedecked operas and brilliant society; its magnificent carriages and pairs driving through the gateways of mansions, and a mecca of peace, prosperity and civilization.

**Mexico Has Been Victim of "Half-Consumed Knowledge"**

"Mexico has been the victim of a half-consumed knowledge," said Senora Diaz, speaking for the first time about her country since she came to France. "Yes, my husband instituted universal compulsory education in Mexico," she said, commenting on the need for enlightenment among the Mexican masses; "but his good efforts were undone by those who usurped his power and followed him. While the major part of the country's population is composed of Indians, most of all of them

have some Spanish blood in their veins. These Indians are very intelligent and they absorbed knowledge rapidly in the schools established by the government. Many of them went back to their homes as lawyers. While at school and afterward their interest seemed drawn by the prosaic eloquence of the leading French revolutionary writers, such as Montesquieu, Diderot, Voltaire, Jean Jacques Rousseau and others.

"A little knowledge is a great evil," sighed the exiled mistress of Mexico. "The half-educated students of the old Mexico, inflamed by the French writers, allowed the slow fire of a misdirected patriotism to burn until it flared out in impassioned speeches to the masses—masses that follow. These French writings were not especially bad, except in their influence on Mexico. Neither were the poems who followed their inspiration. Our poems are gentle, kind-hearted people; they would harm no one. But they were stirred by these half-educated lawyers (and here it was clear that she spoke of Francisco I. Madero) into believing that everything was wrong, and that it was their duty to save their country. 'Poor, misguided people, they have suffered for it! But it was not the poem who killed and burned and plundered. It was the people of the northern border.'

Senora Diaz does not know Alvaro Obregon. It is clear that she does not trust Mexico in his hands. He is of the northern border and it is this branch of Mexico's population that she holds responsible for the bad name which has attached itself to the once flourishing Mexico under Porfirio Diaz.

**Border People Renegades Capable of Any Crime**

"All along the border a bad lot of people are always living," she continued. "They are mostly renegades capable of any crime. You may find them on both sides of the Rio Grande—criminals, fugitives from justice in both countries. They are the ones that take advantage of any disturbance to advance their own personal ends. It is they, and not the gentle-eyed people, who have plundered the stores and ranches, murdering innocent people."

"My country is beautiful," went on the exiled first woman of Mexico in a voice that betrayed an emotion, and a phrase doubtless breathed a million times during the past decade. It did more; it entranced her into a sort of obliviousness of those near her in the Paris apartment—her son and her interview. "It is beautiful and you'd love it," she repeated in her musical French. "It is to be regretted that travel is not so safe there as it might be to see it. It rivals every country in its scenic beauty. Mexico City is delightful. Over 8,000 feet above the sea, it has a temperate climate the year round. We have no need of fireplaces such as you see here in Paris."

"When we have fireplaces," she added, lapsing back into the present, doubtless in the Palace of Tehuantepec, "they are almost purely decorative. In the evening, when it is a trifle chilly, we light tiny electric stoves to warm us a little before retiring."

"In the summer it is rarely hot in the daytime, because the summer is the season of rains. They are only delightful little showers every afternoon that settle the dust and freshen the air."

"The charm of Mexico should draw people from many lands and its resources should make it great. It is un-

fortunate that so many concessions have been given away. They have been handed over by many different revolutionary governments as bribes to supporters who furnished money. Each succeeding government canceled the concessions of the government before and passed them on to new supporters. In this way the selfish revolutionary leaders, thinking only of themselves, have impoverished Mexico."

It was Mme. Diaz herself—in Paris society she is known as "Madame"—who broke her vow, made at the time of Porfirio Diaz' death, never to speak of him or Mexico again for publication. The conversation turned to her social position in Paris.

**Simple Wife of Really Great Man, She Declares**

"I am only the simple wife of a really great man," she remarked. "Yes, when his name is mentioned I cannot help saying that he was great, noble and unselfish. I will not refuse him the glory that is his due. He was a great patriot of Mexico and his only interest in life was to help his country. He summoned those who could build Mexico for Mexico. He did not care for himself nor what happened to him as long as his country was benefited."

It was plain for the second time that Senora Diaz must first see greater proof of stability in Mexico's present regime before she is convinced that the chaos which began with her husband's exile and her own, and continued for so many years, will not continue to torture Mexico. She is not convinced that the present leaders of Mexico are not the young readers of too much Jean Jacques Rousseau, who have gained power and are not yet sufficiently schooled to subjugate personal interests to the national interest that Mexico needs. It is plain that she is not sure that there are not more readers of Diderot and Voltaire lurking in the hills stirring up the meek-eyed people to follow and fight the battles of selfishness before being cast aside to starve. Senora Diaz, who saw Mexico in its first flower, admits that the secret of her husband's power was a strong hand over children and his downfall a step to give Mexico the education that Mexicans failed to understand.

Instead of reading their proper textbooks they read the "Old King Brady's" of the French Revolution, and, like all children, sought to emulate. It has proved a bad experiment, according to Mme. Carmen Diaz, who sits in voluntary exile to-day in her not uncomfortable Paris apartment.

"If Mexico only had such disinterested leaders now, what a glorious future!" she remarked. "But, unfortunately, such men to-day are few and far between."

Assuming, however, that Alvaro Obregon, who came from the "contaminating influences of the Mexican border" at the head of his hard-fighting Sonora Yaquis two years ago into the Mexican capital, proves to be another Porfirio Diaz, he has before him through this interview in Paris a warning in connection with proposed systems of uplifting the Mexican masses through education.

A history of Sovietism in Russia and Europe's latest experiment at arms may prove less inspiring to the Mexican students of the future. Revol-

utionary romances have now passed out of date.

In the mean time Senora Carmen Romero Rubio Diaz will doubtless carry her doubts to a tomb in a Paris cemetery beside an old man who, already there, remains oblivious to the past decade in Mexico.

**The Wooing of Russia**

The Frenchmen should not neglect Russian affairs, writes Lev N. Tolstoi in the "Eclair."

Shall we come back to the regime of the past? Never, in my opinion. But the Bolshevik nightmare will be made an end of, which is the essential thing.

I believe that France will be the first nation to participate in the uplifting of Russia, as soon as the hour arrives. But she would do well to prepare herself in time, and already, as they are preparing for it openly and energetically in Germany. The time is, perhaps, near. France should without delay connect herself to collect the necessary means to work with usefully.

Do you know that in every German town they are studying the Russian language? All the classes in which our language is taught are crowded; young people and older persons, men and women, they all are learning the language of the people with which they want to associate.

"We," the Germans declare, "are going to make of Russia the great power of the future. To us she will owe her salvation and by her we shall vanquish the world."

And France? Does she think of what awaits her if the German wishes are realized? Alas! No. The Russians, for the moment, no longer count. They are tolerated because they have been our allies, but they are despised. Let the Frenchmen look to it! I speak to them as a friend. I wish they would hear me. Let them learn Russian! Let them get prepared! Let them not fall asleep on their laurels! It is evident they must settle their personal affairs, but let them not neglect the Russian affairs!

I say it frankly: It is one of our greatest hopes. Russia cannot and will never remain isolated from French civilization, no more than France will be isolated from the great Slavic people that has been sure of her support. Russia lives and will live.

**Burning Out the Devil**

The other day a dispatch from Nauvau announced that among the numerous sensational crimes committed in Germany since the war one can be cited that recalls the superstition of the Middle Ages.

This tragedy occurred in the village of Lowerung, in Pomerania, where three old women, no doubt envious and jealous of the attractions of a young seamstress, Ella Wallenstein, lured the girl to an isolated house, where they told her that she was possessed of the devil and that they would drive him out by means of fire.

The three women then undressed the poor girl and brought brushwood, which they set on fire. Then they threw their victim into the flames and, like the witches of Macbeth, they surrounded the fire, praying that the devil might leave her body. The poor girl was thus burned to death.